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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 2, replace the text in its entirety with the following:

A' --PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FERMENTATION PRODUCT--